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FREDERICTON (CNB) - Alanna Palmer, chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, issued the following statement today expressing the commission's views on same-sex marriage:

"Same-sex marriage continues to be in the news. It is a controversial issue that involves balancing rights, those of religion on one hand, and of sexual orientation on the other. However, the Human Rights Commission believes that these rights can both be fully respected.

"In February of this year, I participated in a panel discussion on this topic during University of New Brunswick Law Week. I presented the commission's view that equal access to the solemnization of same-sex marriages must be guaranteed by the province, while simultaneously honouring the duty to accommodate the rights of individuals with religious objections.

"The full text of my remarks may be found at: http://www.gnb.ca/hrc-cdp/e/Speeches.htm".

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